

Remarks/Arguments

Claim Summary

Claims 1 and 5 are currently amended. New claims 19 and 20 are added. Claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-20 are pending in the application.

The Applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to the fact that the current amended claims are the same claims there were on file prior to the Examiner's Office Action of January 15, 2003, Paper 13. Starting with Office Action of January 15, 2003, the Examiner has exclusively used the Kinsho et al. reference to reject the current application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-15, and 17 were rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinsho et al. (US 6,312,867).

Without acquiescing to the Examiner's reasons for rejection, the Applicants respectfully overcome the §103(a) rejection by antedating the cited Kinsho et al. reference. Please find attached a 37 C.F.R. 1.131 Declaration by the inventor, Sang-Jun Choi, declaring that he invented the subject matter of the present application prior to November 1, 1999. Also attached is a copy of an Invention Disclosure prepared and submitted by Dr. Choi to the Intellectual Property Team at Samsung Electronics CO., LTD prior to November 1, 1999. An English translation of the Invention Disclosure and a Verified Statement by the translator are attached for the Examiner's consideration.

Claims 16 and 18 were rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinsho et al. (US 6,312,867) in view of Hosaka et al. (US 5,405,720).

Again, without acquiescing to the Examiner's rejection of reasons, the Applicants overcome this rejection by antedating the Kinsho et al. reference.


It is the Applicants position that Kinsho et al. is not a qualifying prior art.

Conclusion

No other issues remain, reconsideration and favorable action upon claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-20 present in the application are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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